

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

December, 2020

Open and Affirming Covenant

The congregation of Dover United Church of Christ, in the spirit of Christ's invitation, "Look, I have set before you an open door," welcomes all who seek to know and share God's love. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person and celebrate the diversity in which God created us, each in God's image and loved by God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, welcoming persons of every race, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, and economic status into full membership and participation in the life, worship, rites and sacraments of this church. We commit to model a community of faith that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, reconciliation, healing and wholeness of life for all people.

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
(Romans 15:7)*

Blue Christmas Service, Monday, December 21



Christmas may be difficult for all of us this year. Thankfully, hope is on the horizon. Vaccines are being developed and by this time next year, hopefully we will be able to gather in person. This year, this service will be live-streamed on facebook at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21. Join our Pastoral Intern, Spring Davidson as she offers reflections on Hope. Perhaps you have lost someone this past year. Or maybe, you got news of a serious illness. Perhaps you have a family where relationships are broken or you are single and because of Covid-19, will choose to be alone this Christmas. On this longest night of 2020, we will reflect on the spiritual truth that hope is a choice we can choose to live into because of our faith.

The Work of Christmas

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are
home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of
Christmas begins: To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the
hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring
peace among others, To make music in the heart."*

Howard Thurman

MISSION STATEMENT OF DOVER UCC...gathered in joyful community as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we commit ourselves to the hearing, believing, and doing of His Word, shaping our lives by supporting one another, worshipping God, promoting justice and spreading the Gospel.

Pastor's Reflection

This season of Advent is like no other...many of us may find ourselves feeling depressed as the season begins. Every day we hear of increased Covid-19 diagnoses, and every day the death toll rises. And even when we hear that vaccines are coming soon, the next story is that many Americans will not even trust those vaccines and so when *will* we be able to return to some form of normalcy? We were told to not travel at Thanksgiving and yet people are traveling, so will it be even worse in the days to come? In Pennsylvania, we are told that we will run out of hospital beds by the end of the year if we do not take more measures to slow things down. This Advent will be like no other.

Or will it? Let's think about that first Christmas...**that** was the year when there was Roman occupation and the Hebrew people *had* to travel to be counted in the town of their ancestors. (no planes, trains or automobiles back then) **That** was the year there wasn't enough housing for all the people who had to travel, and traveling circumstances were rough—no planes, trains or cars back then—and if you had a donkey, you would take turns riding while the other walked—or if your spouse was pregnant you walked the whole way while she rode. **That** was the year when people ended up sleeping in dirty, smelly, damp and chilly caves and barns. **That** was the year than an unwed pregnant woman almost got set aside by the man to which she was engaged.

But remember...that was also the year that God was at work in strange and new ways. There were angels showing up to young women and men, reminding them God was at work. There were angels showing up ALL OVER the place—to shepherds in a field. That was the year that God began showing a group of Wise Ones a star that they followed because they knew the child they would find was very special and would make a huge difference in the world as they knew it. That was the year that God came to us in human form and reminded us that no matter what our current circumstances God is doing something amazing and new.

Years ago, following World War II, a short poem was found carved on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany. The cellar was a place where many Jews had hidden during the holocaust. The words of this poem have been translated, "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in God even when he is silent."

No matter our present circumstances, God IS doing something new. We might not be able to see what that is, but God is redeeming this world and seeking to permeate our lives now AND in the days ahead.

Pastor Eva

Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org. Her office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org.
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Do you have a prayer concern? Call Nancy Schubert at 717-292-2113.

Special Olympics Plunge 2021

The plunge scheduled for February 2021 **has been cancelled**. There are just too many risks and limitations to safely be able to hold the annual Plunge. Bill, Michael, and I would like to thank Pastor Eva and her "faithful plunge team" for helping York County to raise money annually for our program. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Dover UCC congregation who also donated money on behalf of Michael. The good news is that we did not have a need to use much money in 2020 so we are financially good for 2021. Many thanks to everyone --- Bill, Karen, and Michael Plappert

Christmas Carol Sing



Are you missing singing in church? The Worship Team has decided that Sunday, December 13 and 20, following worship, we will gather outside with masks on and socially distant, and sing Christmas Carols.

Won't you come and join us?

Christmas Eve Service - 9:00 p.m.

We have plans laid for Christmas Eve and we hope you will be a part of those plans! At our Congregational Meeting we approved a \$30,000 upgrade to our audio visual capabilities in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall and the conference room. By Christmas Eve, we will have the ability to seat people both in the sanctuary AND in the fellowship hall for our Christmas Eve Service! Family groups/households will be seated 6 feet apart in the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall and be able to take part in the service. We set the service a little earlier than usual because we are only doing one service and we didn't want children to stay up too late.



Special music by Sue Storm and Mary Kelly will begin at 8:40 pm that night! At the end of the service, we will go outside for candlelighting, surrounding the church and singing Joy to the World and Silent Night!

We invite you to make Luminaries to bring to the church! We have included instructions in the newsletter. Let the church know how many you will make by signing up or calling the office and telling Willie the number you will make and bring them with you on Christmas Eve. (You may drop them off at the church earlier if you choose not to be present. The service will be live streamed.)

Come Join Together and Celebrate Christmas!

DECEMBER NEWS

"Once you understand, you will care!"
Bob McEwen

December Scriptures:

December 6: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8
December 13: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 20: Luke 1:46b-55; Luke 1:26-38
December 27: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40



Our Christian sympathy are with Carl Fry and Sue and Mike McNeely and Ryan and Shannon, Tracey and Michael Knouse, Carl Jr, Scott Fry, and Heather and Jeff Thomas and Aaron and Rachael and their family on the death of JoAnne Fry on November 16. Please keep these members and their family members in your prayers.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2021 DIGEST IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.

I have moved all the children's books to the first room at end of hall (the nursery). There is an entire series of all the Bible stories. You are welcome to borrow for your children or grandchildren. There have been more books added to the library also. Jeannie

Church Museum

At last year's congregational meeting, there was discussion about creating a museum of artifacts for Dover UCC. While we currently rotate items in the display cabinet in the narthex, Dan and Jeannie Sindlinger donated two shelf units with glass doors that would be perfect to display additional museum items. Now we just need a person (or persons) interested in coordinating our artifacts! If you would be interested in working on this project, please contact Pastor Eva or a member of Church Council.

For those who would like to use them, Advent devotional booklets are available and may be picked up on Sunday morning or during regular office hours.

FAMILY THANK OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
THE OFFERING IS DESIGNATED FOR STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH.

Making Christmas Luminaries



What You Will Need

- Plastic Milk Cartons/Jugs
- Sharp Scissors
- Tea Lights (to use larger/taller candles, make sure the flame is not too close to the sides of the carton)
- Something to use as a weight (such as sand, pebbles, or even just a couple of rocks).

What To Do

- Take your milk carton and rinse out thoroughly, I can't stress this enough! That last thing you want is a rotten milk smell.
- Soak your jug in warm/hot water to remove labels. Scrub gently to remove labels
- Cut a flap, so that it is still connected at the top, on one side of the carton, about an inch or two (2.5 – 5 cm) from the bottom.
- Place your weight into the bottom of the carton, through the flap you have just made.
- Place the tea light flatly and stably on the bottom of the carton, between your weights.
- Remove the lid to your carton.
- Bring your luminaries to the church on Christmas Eve and put it out for all to see. Following our service you may take your luminary home and light it/them outside your home as a sign that the LIGHT OF THE WORLD is born!
- Sit back and enjoy!

The importance of kindness...

You just never know what a small act of kindness will do for a person. We received a note of thanks from a guest and it was particularly interesting to note that while they thanked us for the food and help they received at New Hope, they were just as much, if not more, impressed with the kindness and respect they received. Treating our guests with the utmost dignity and respect is a driving force in our ministry work. Our Vision, Mission and Values Statements encapsulate who we are as an agency. What an honor to receive such a loving note through the eyes of a guest.

"To New Hope, thank you for all your work and dedication and I wanted to give thanks for all the employees and volunteers helping [with] food and setting food appointments in an orderly and respectful way. So much kindness, it's often missing these days ... it builds my faith and refreshes my hope. Thank you very much. It's a breath of fresh air to come to New Hope and humbly receive kindness and to be able to share that spirit of kindness. It's a spirit of giving. Thank you and God bless you."

A small act of kindness, it truly goes a long way.

Outreach Team

The Christmas Blessings tree is up! Deadline is Sunday, December 6. Presents to not need to be wrapped. We encourage you to think of the men and youth from ages 12-18. We always seem to be short in that area. If you are not going out to shop this year an alternative would be a gift card. The grocery store or drug stores have a large selection and they could be used to purchase gifts or to give to a family. Target, Walmart, I- Tune and Amazon cards are all favorites. We also try to provide the guests with hats, gloves and scarves for each child. We have many handmade hats and scarves, but could use some mittens and gloves. The opportunity to give is endless and we appreciate your generous and thoughtful kindnesses at this time of giving.

Many hands will be needed to set up for the **Christmas Blessings on December 7 at Brookside Park**. The event will run thru **December 10**. This will be necessary to keep clients socially distanced with their personal shopper and have ample time between visits. They will be open one day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to allow our evening guests shopping time also. As you can see this will take a lot of person power to accomplish. If you aren't comfortable being around others perhaps helping to pack up the remaining items to be distributed to other centers would be more to your liking. You can talk to a volunteer to help at **717-292-3441**. They will be able to direct you to an area that is comfortable for you.

The Christmas baskets are given out differently, but they could use help to pack them up also. They will be distributed on **December 17 and 18**. There will be a **Senior party** this year on **December 15**, but it will be structured differently with the seniors going home with their meal and they will socially distance to spend time with friends over cocoa and cookies. There will be two different time slots, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This will be held at **St. David's in Weigelstown**. Again if you would like to attend please call the center for a time slot.

Graciously, Tonia L. Reinert and Outreach Committee

Thank You!

Many of you have been faithful in sending in your offerings each week even when we have not been meeting in our building. That has made a world of difference as we pay the bills that are still coming in and strive to care for our staff by continuing to pay them. **Please remember our monthly mission offerings—Bethany Children's Home and the Christmas Fund**. If a check is to be divided, mark in the memo how it is to be divided. Offerings can be mailed in, paid by your bank's bill paying service, or dropped in the mail slot at the church. The mail is picked up each day and offerings are safely kept for deposit which is still done each week. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

Wanted: Additional helpers for the Church's Livestream Team

As we all know, our church has relied on Facebook Livestreaming to bring the Sunday service into our homes during the State's "stay-at-home" order. Even as our county moves to the "yellow phase", our congregation will continue to rely on Facebook Livestreaming and Uberconference for our worship services. At one time, the Livestream Team consisted of four people, each sharing the responsibility once a month. However, the team now consists of three people. We would like to create a larger team to share this responsibility. Being a technical genius is not a necessity. Some familiarity might be helpful. Training will be provided. Help is needed. If you would be willing to help with this ministry or have questions or interest, please contact Pastor Eva, Scott McFadden (717-308-7291) or Cathy

Dietrich (717-792-9630).

Book Club Pick....
This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel

In a time when we at Dover UCC have been asked to host the York County Transgender Day of Remembrance (see the article in this newsletter), what better way to prepare than to read this book! Have you ever had a family secret? Sometimes that secret doesn't get to be kept forever! This is a story about a family with three boys when a fourth boy is born. They know what to expect...they already have three boys. Laurie Frankel writes, "But Claude is not like his brothers. One day he puts on a dress and refuses to take it off. He wants to bring a purse to kindergarten. He wants hair long enough to sit on. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl. Rosie and Penn aren't panicked at first. Kids go through phases, after all, and make-believe is fun. But soon the entire family is keeping Claude's secret. Until one day it explodes."

This Is How It Always Is, a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again; parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts; children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever.

Celebrate the journeys of our transgender brothers and sisters and join us in this read. The book is available on line in print or by audio and in the York County Library. If you need help getting the book, see Pam Rutledge, Cheri Swartzbaugh, Steph Brown, Annette Masenheimer, Carol Crone or Pastor Eva. We will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. in person or by zoom the book.

Suicide Survivor Support Group: Dover UCC hosts a suicide survivor support group the first Tuesday of the month in the Council room at 6:30-8:00 p.m. This group can meet face-to-face or remotely but you **must register** first either through Facebook, their website or calling Cindy. Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information.

Thank you's...

Dear Friends, On behalf of the people we serve at New Hope Ministries, thank you for your very kind gift of \$279.50 received November 4. Your generous financial gifts and abundant prayers today bring help and hope to our neighbors in times of need. Together, let's share the love and hope we have in Christ with the people we serve every day. Thank you for your kindness. Gratefully,
Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Dear friends, A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers since my surgery. It felt like a blanket of warmth, love and healing as I got to see my church family again. Love and blessings to everyone. Fondly,
Tonia L. Reinert

Dear friends, Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program (\$75.00). Because of you Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can – and will – change lives. Sincerely,
Rev. John L. McCullough, President/Ceo, Church World Service

CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING 2020

On Christmas Eve, we receive a special offering? For what or whom? The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Over the past nine months, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church have increased dramatically.

In such a time as this, the need for the Christmas Fund is more urgent than ever. United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!



"A Virtual Christmas Celebration"

Sunday, December 6 - 6:00 p.m.

Comcast channel 16

Or on-line at codyork.online.church

(Church of the Open Door website)

DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

If there are any changes for the bulletin, please contact the church office at least one week ahead. The cost of Altar Flowers is \$30.00 and special arrangement is \$30.00. Please make all checks payable to Dover UCC. If mailing your check, send it to the church office, 45 West Canal Street, Dover, 17315. If payment is included in the offering envelope, please indicate "altar flowers" on the envelope.



If you would like to order a special arrangement in honor or loving memory, please contact Gina Nell at 717-515-0314.

DECEMBER

December 6	Ben & Josie Crone
December 13	Chuck & Tonia Reinert
December 20	Tom Miller
Special	Gina Nell
December 27	Sandy Markle

JANUARY

January 3	Bill & Karen Plappert
January 10	Bill & Karen Plappert
January 17	Carl Fry
January 24	Phil & Nancy Brown
January 31	Available

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

There is a birthday listing for two months posted on the bulletin board as you enter the church. Please add your name to the calendar if you are not already listed and we'll be sure to include your name in the future. Why not send someone on the list a card and wish them a Happy Birthday!!



3 Jessica (Crone) Smith	22 Don Gardner
Josie Crone	23 William Fox
8 Cathy Dietrich	25 Christine Rupp
16 Dodie Gross	27 Hannah Holliway
17 Jeff Swartzbaugh	29 Holly Fox
18 Steph Brown	Mary Kelly
	31 LouAnn Fenstermacher



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. – 1: 00 P.M.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Gerry Shaffer
3411 Sycamore Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-292-2867

Deloris Crone
Providence Place #218
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Hilda Eyster
74 Chesapeake Estates
Thomasville, PA 17364
717-792-0496

Dorcas Tanner
Colonial Manner RM #509A
970 Colonial Avenue, York, 17403
717-815-6248

Fay Gentzler
1920 Trolley Road #229
York, PA 17408
(614) 325-1635 (cell)

Gina Nell
Providence Place #908
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-515-0314

The following people have agreed to visit:

JAN - Carol Stayrook
FEB - Verda McFadden & Nancy Schubert
MAR - Gina Nell & Nancy Brown
APR - Mary Duttera & Doris McCallister
MAY - Annette Masenheimer & Spring Davidson
JUN - Carol Stayrook & Anna Gladfelter

JULY- Nancy Brown & Gina Nell
AUG - Tonia Reinert
SEPT- Dennis Hall
OCT - Millie Murray & Kay Fickes
NOV - Cathy Dietrich
DEC – Mary Duttera

Remember our members at the Brethren Home Community (with cards)

Jack Strausbaugh - Wayne & Dodie Gross

Call Carol Stayrook at 717-873-8862 with any changes or additions.

<p>MORNING CHATTERS... has been suspended for now. We will let you know when the next one will be.</p>
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DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



December 1, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. 5:30 PM – Book Club, in person or by Zoom; reading Laurie Frankel's <i>This is How It Always Is</i> Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
December 6, Sunday	Second Sunday in Advent Benevolent offering Deadline for Christmas Blessings for New Hope Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. in person at Dover UCC or by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. IN PERSON WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - By live stream on Facebook and uberconference
December 8, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
December 13, Sunday	Third Sunday in Advent Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. in person at Dover UCC or by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. N PERSON WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. at Dover UCC as well as live stream on facebook and uberconference DUCC Digest deadline
December 14, Monday	Dover UCC Council meeting – 6:30 p.m. – in person or by zoom. The congregation is welcome to attend, If you would like the zoom connection, please contact Pastor Eva.
December 15, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
December 20, Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Advent Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. in person at Dover UCC or by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. IN PERSON WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. at Dover UCC as well as live stream on facebook and uberconference MISSION MOMENT: Bethany Children's Home
December 21, Monday	Blue Christmas at 6:00 p.m. Livestream on Facebook with Spring Davidson
December 22, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship with Communion at 9:00 p.m. Lighting of luminaries following. Offering received for Christmas Fund
Christmas Day	Merry Christmas
December 27, Sunday	Offering Received for Bethany Children's Home Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. in person at Dover UCC or by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. N PERSON WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. at Dover UCC as well as live stream on Facebook and uberconference.
December 29, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.

January 1, 2020

Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)

Happy New Year!

**DOVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
November 15, 2020**

Call to Order: The annual congregational meeting of Dover United Church of Christ was called to order by Church Council President Jeff Millford.

Devotion: The devotion was led by Sue McNeely.

Introduction of Council Members: Jeff introduced Steph Brown (Fellowship); Anna Gladfelter (Music/Worship); Annette Masenheimer (Treasurer); Tom Miller (Property/Grounds); Tonia Reinert (Evangelism/Outreach); and Pam Rutledge (Secretary)--all present at the meeting); Jim Markle (Membership)—present via Zoom; and Roxie Konzal (Faith Formation)--absent. Anna Gladfelter and Roxie Konzal are ending partial terms but will remain on Council for new terms. Annette Masenheimer is ending two terms as Treasurer; Spring Davidson has been nominated to fill that position.

Secretary's Report: Neil Stayrook moved to accept the 2019 Congregational Meeting Minutes as written; Spring Davidson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Brown questioned the reason for the increase in the overall balance, which Annette explained was a result of the Paycheck Protection (PPP) loan. Spring Davidson moved to accept the Treasurer's Annual Report as written; Tonia Reinert seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Pastor's Report and Ministry Team Reports: Two corrections were made to the written reports: 32 shares were purchased for the GBIACK scholarships; 55 pounds of food and 15 pounds of personal items were donated to New Hope Ministries. Mary Duttera moved to approve the Pastor's and all Ministry Team Reports with the above corrections; Neil Stayrook seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Continuing Business: There was no continuing business.

New Business:

- 2021 Budget Proposal: The 2021 budget remains the same as the 2020 budget with the exception of \$600.00 added for annual GBIACK scholarships and a \$500 AV line item. Neil Stayrook made a motion to accept the 2021 proposed budget; Anna Gladfelter seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Neil Stayrook offered a reminder that an audit should be performed.
- New Council Members (3-year term): The following members of the congregation have agreed to serve 3-year terms on Church Council: Anna Gladfelter and Roxie Konzal, continuing in their current roles, and Spring Davidson, assuming the Treasurer's position. Craig Duttera made a motion to approve the new Council Members; Pam Rutledge seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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- Worship Service Time: Neil Stayrook commented that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not sufficient time to determine positives and negatives of the change in service time and suggested that we continue with the schedule for another year; Sue McNeely agreed with this position. Neil Stayrook made a motion to stay with the current schedule (adult faith formation at 9:00 a.m. and worship service at 10:00 a.m. from Labor Day until Memorial Day, worship service at 9:00 a.m. and no faith formation over the summer months). This topic will be revisited at the November 2021 Congregational Meeting to determine whether to make the time changes permanent. Sue McNeely seconded the motion. The motion was passed with all but one in favor.
- Sound System Proposal: Pastor Eva reviewed the proposal to upgrade the sound system for a cost of approximately \$30,000 with the funds to come from Grace Trimmer's bequest to the church. The upgrades will include improved microphones and sound in the sanctuary, large-screen monitors in the sanctuary, conference room, and fellowship hall, sound for the conference room, fellowship hall, and nursery, a portable sound system for use outdoors, and 10 assisted-listening devices for those who are hearing impaired. Neil Stayrook agreed that we are in need of improvements to our system and asked if the projected cost is inclusive of all that is needed. Spring Davidson explained that it is more cost effective for us to purchase monitors and other needed items rather than go through Spirit Sound. Jeff explained that an AV fund has been added to the budget to cover the cost of training and any necessary adjustments to the system. Pastor Eva shared that the new system should be in place by Christmas Eve. Tonia Reinert made a motion to accept the proposal for the new sound system; Neil Stayrook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Christmas Eve Service: As there will be only one service this year, Tonia Reinert proposed that a poll be taken regarding preference for the time of the Christmas Eve service. Preferences for a 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 p.m. were counted, and the decision was made to have the service at 9:00 p.m. for this year only.
- Miscellaneous Items: Tonia Reinert suggested that consideration be given to refinishing the wear on the ends of the pews. Neil Stayrook recommended that we consider replacing our A/C system.

Reflections: Jeff commended the members of the congregation for their diligence in adhering to all the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Anita Hensel offered thanks to Annette Masenheimer for her years of service as treasurer, and Dennis Hall reiterated the thanks to Annette and Phil Brown, who served previously. Loretta Hall offered thanks to Jim Markle and Sam Eby for the work they did in loading and transporting Grace Trimmer's furniture to Mt. Royal Auction.

Adjournment: Following the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Rutledge
Church Council Secretary

OCTOBER 2020 STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT			
Balance beginning of month			30,121.35
Receipts during month			91,385.95
Disbursements during month			13,298.14
Balance end of month			108,209.16
Cash available (excludes \$5K MIN BAL, AV FUND & HANDBELL FUND)			102,320.38
Amount of PPP Loan - This is included in the receipts during the month			19,650.00
	BUDGET 2020	MONTHLY	Y-T-D TOTAL
OPERATING EXPENSES			
A. BUILDING			
1. Insurance	10,500.00		9,003.75
2. Repairs/Maintenance	8,150.00	1,121.27	4,124.89
3. Utilities	15,000.00	1,001.08	9,785.42
B. PROGRAMS			
1. Music expenses	100.00		0.00
2. Honorariums	800.00		0.00
3. Worship supplies	1,000.00		848.92
4. Faith Formation	200.00		18.93
5. Hartman Center / Mission Trip	750.00		521.32
6. Office expenses	2,500.00	486.25	2,025.51
7. Picnic/Advent	250.00		0.00
8. Outreach	300.00		40.00
9. Membership	0.00		0.00
10. Fellowship	100.00		194.98
11. Conference	500.00		75.00
12. York Association (UCC)	200.00		336.25
13. Stewardship	50.00		0.00
14. ONA	100.00		100.00
C. STAFF			
1. Secretary	7,000.00	583.44	5,862.45
2. Organist/Accompanist	9,650.00	804.17	8,041.70
3. Choir director	3,861.00	321.75	3,217.50
4. Custodian	9,142.00	720.00	4,541.00
5. Bookkeeper	3,877.00	323.08	3,230.80
6. Pastoral office			
a. Salary	38,420.00	3,201.67	32,016.70
b. Housing	14,270.00	1,189.17	11,891.70
c. Prof Exp & Education allowance(Reimb)	2,000.00		385.00
d. Health,Dental,Life & Disability Insurance	6,200.00	488.87	5,560.57
e. Retirement annuity (14% of 5a+5b)	7,377.00	614.72	6,761.92
7. Payroll taxes withheld		(1,576.83)	(15,771.65)
8. Payroll taxes remitted		1,732.83	16,153.43
9. Employer social security taxes	2,565.00	159.77	1,617.58
10. Pastoral SECA allowance	4,031.00	335.90	3,359.00
11. Worker's compensation insurance	1,300.00		1,135.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT - OPERATING EXPENSES	150,193.00	11,507.14	115,077.67
GENERAL ACCOUNT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1			
	GOALS 2018	MONTHLY	Y-T-D TOTAL
BENEVOLENCE			
Our Church's Wider Mission 75%	9,152.00	838.50	7,429.13
New Hope Ministries/Dover Center 25%	3,051.00	279.50	2,476.37
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	12,203.00	1,118.00	9,905.50
SPECIAL OFFERING GOALS			
Heritage Senior Center	400.00		377.00
Lancaster Seminary	300.00		180.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	650.00		245.00
ARC of York County	300.00		225.00
Homewood Retirement Center	350.00		80.00
Hoffman Home for Youth	400.00		220.00
Holy Joes Café	300.00		300.00
Habitat for Humanity	400.00	35.00	310.00

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CWS Blanket Sunday	500.00	75.00	460.00
Neighbors in Need	300.00	235.00	235.00
Strengthen the Church (Thank Offering)	500.00		0.00
Bethany Childrens' Home	300.00		0.00
Christmas Fund	500.00		0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING GOALS	5,200.00	345.00	2,632.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXP., BENEVOLENCE AND GOALS	167,596.00	12,970.14	127,615.17
IN/OUT ITEMS DETAIL:			
Altar Flowers/Easter/Christmas		120.00	
Transfer to Building Fund		208.00	
Yard Sale Proceeds to Guild			
School supplies for New Hope			
TOTAL IN/OUT ITEMS	0.00	328.00	6,004.94
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES - GOALS - IN/OUT ITEMS	167,596.00	13,298.14	133,620.11

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance beginning of month			34,995.91
Receipts during month			208.00
Disbursements during month			
Balance end of month			35,203.91

The AV Fund is NOT in a separate Bank Account, it is just a designated amount held within the General Operating Account

AV FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE			
Balance beginning of month			200.00
Receipts during month			0.00
Disbursements during month			0.00
Balance end of month			200.00

MISSION FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE (York Traditions Bank)			
			4,357.06
Receipts during month	Interest Earned		0.04
Disbursements during month -			
Balance end of month			4,357.10

The HandBell Fund is NOT in a separate Bank Account, it is just a designated amount held within the General Operating Account

HandBell FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE			
Balance beginning of month			688.78
Receipts during month			0.00
Disbursements during month			0.00
Balance end of month			688.78

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Book Discussion	9:00 AM (Not during the summer)
Worship Service	10:00 AM Children's Church (not at the present time)

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Sue McNeely	Bookkeeper	Annette Masenheimer	Financial Secretary
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Annette Masenheimer - Secretary; Millie Murray – Treasurer

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Music/Worship Ministry Team – Anna Gladfelter
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